Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Virgie Mae Cone, and we are richer because Virgie lives among us; and,

Whereas, Virgie was born May 14, 1903, to Frank and Carrie (Hewitt) Hoover at Trent, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Virgie earned her Bachelors Degree in Education and taught for more than 24 years at Kirkland Rural School, Egan, and Flandreau; and,

Whereas, Virgie married William Cone on August 12, 1932, and to that union one son, William, was born; and,

Whereas, Virgie was active in the South Dakota Education Association (SDEA), Eastern Star, the Second Presbyterian Church in Flandreau, was an avid reader, and continues to challenge herself with crossword puzzles; and,

Whereas, Virgie resides at Riverview Health Care Center in Flandreau, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State